Missing of Punjab armed police river rafting team in **USA**

3253. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether six members of Punjab Armed Police (PAP) river rafting team who went to USA are missing since long;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to seek the help of US Government to trace these missing PAP personnel; and

(c) whether it is the first such instance which has happened or such similar incidents happened earlier also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from our Mission/Posts in the USA and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Cut in UNO contribution by Japan

3254. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Japan has decided to curtail its current contribution to UNO because of the opposition from US and China to bid by G-4 Brazil, Germany, Japan and India, being considered for permanent membership of Security Council; and

(b) if so, whether any such type of implicit diplomatic demeanour is also being thought of by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) India is not aware of any decision on the part of Japan to curtail their current contribution to the United Nations. However, during the current session of the United Nations General Assembly, Japan has raised the issue of contributions.

(b) India is a founder member of the United Nations and has always met her contribution obligations to the United Nations as assessed.

Assistance to earthquake victims of Pakistan

†3255. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has provided a large quantity of material as assistance to Pakistan for the earthquake victims;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) in what manner it would be ensured that this material do not fall in the hands of terrorists; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The official earthquake assistance sent so far to Pakistan is about 1300 tonnes of relief material. The relief material included tents, sleeping bags, blankets, essential medicines and medical equipment including injections such as Pethidine for pain and X-ray machines, food items and CGI sheets. India has also opened five crossing points on the Line of Control (LoC) for the movement of people and relief material. Government have announced an official assistance of $ 25 million which is available to Pakistan for sourcing supplies of building material such as cement, steel and other items from India, as also the technology available in India for prefabricated earthquake resistant shelters. The assistance is also available for building homes and rehabilitating people, reconstructing infrastructure and restoring essential services. Government have also expressed their willingness to take up some rehabilitation and reconstruction projects identified by the Government of Pakistan, specially rebuilding schools and hospitals, as a part of this assistance. A number of private agencies have also sent relief material with Government approval.

(b) All relief material sent by the Government has been handed over directly to the Government of Pakistan for providing to the victims of the earthquake.

(c) Following is a tabulation of the relief material sent by Government so far according to available information.

Relief Material sent by 3 trains and 1 aircraft

SI. No.	Items	Quantity
1	2	3
1.	Snow tents	80
2.	Snow Sleeping Bags	200
3.	Kapok Sleeping Bags	15,000
4.	Blankets	25,520
5.	Tents TEFs 4M	1950
6.	Tents TEFs 2M	170

1	2	3
7.	Medicines	30 Tons
8.	Plastic Sheets	11,500
9.	Life Straws	20,000
10.	FRP Sheets	30,000
11.	Injections Ceftriaxone 1 Gm.	10,000
12.	Injections Velasef	10,000
13.	Injections Pethidine	10,000
14.	Haemacel	10
15.	Portable X-Ray Machines 60 MA	10
16.	Automatic Film Processors	10
17.	X-Ray Film Cassettes Total Cost = Rs. 20.61 crores	1900 packets of 50 each

Relief Material sent across Line of Control

1	2	3
1.	Tents	820
2.	Rice	1801.91 Qtls. and 80 Bags
3.	Sugar	233.5 Qtls. And 5 Bags
4.	Atta	1134 Qtls.
5.	Blankets	5500
6.	Medicines	One Truck load, 5 boxes, 1 Pack and Cartons Worth Rs. 60,000/-
7.	Kitchen sets	965
8.	Bleaching powder	4.5 Qtls.
9.	Biscuits	6 Cartons and 130 Packs
10.	Tarpaulins	3100
11.	Ration Bags	3626 (each containing 1 Kg Rice, 2 Kgs Atta, 1 Kg Sugar, 2 Kgs Pulses, 1 Kg Milk Power, 1 Kg Salt, 1 bundle candles, 1 bundle match box, 1 packet Tea)

1	2	3
12.	Pherans	500
13.	Mattress	156
14.	CGI Sheets	1788 MTs.
15.	Clothes	8 cartons
16.	Towels	300
17.	Refined Oil	10440 Ltrs.
18.	Water	2880 Ltrs.
19.	Salt	12 Qtls.
20.	Pipes	400

Indian sentenced in Saudi Arabia

3256. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian nationals are facing various charges and sentences in Saudi Arabia as on today;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Indian National from Kerala are facing the sentence of "left eye to be scooped out";

(c) if so, the details including the steps taken to save the citizen from the above sentence, if any; and

(d) the number of Indian nationals in the jails of Saudi Arabia and action taken to examine their cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes.

(b) According to media reports, Mr. Abdul Lateef Na.ushad, an Indian national has been sentenced by a Saudi Court that his eye should be removed due to an incident involving him and a Saudi citizen in which the latter lost his eyesight.

(c) Details of the case, as per media reports and a petition received from Mr. Naushad's wife, are that on 1 April 2003, a Saudi national, Mr. Naif Al-Otaibi, came to buy a battery charger from the Delta Petrol Station